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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16, 18, 19 and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. In response, the examiner's specific suggestions have been adopted, which are believed to obviate the rejection on this ground.

The indication that claims 2, 3, 5, 7-16, 18, 19 and 21 are allowable is appreciatively noted. In response, claims 2, 3, 18, 19 and 21 have been amended into independent form. This should leave only allowable claims currently pending in the case.

This should render all claims allowable. However, should any issues remaining after this amendment, the examiner is respectfully encouraged to call the undersigned at the below referenced telephone number in an attempt to obviate these issues.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all

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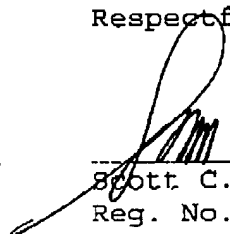
pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

A notice on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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